CENTCOM AOR R&R Leave Program

- **Authorization: Designation as Executive Agent (EA) by OSD IAW DoDD 1327.5.**

- **Purpose: To provide Rest and Recuperation Leave to deployed U.S. Military personnel and Civilians outside USCENTCOM, IAW DoDD 1327.5.**

- **Target Population: U.S. Military personnel, and DoD Civilians assigned in support of Operation Enduring Freedom(OEF)/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) to Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) on 12 month tours with more than 3 months in theater, but less than 11 months.**

- **As world-wide EA, Army responsible for**
  - **Manning gateways and movement of service members with tasking authority to other Services.**
  - **G-1 responsible for oversight of R&R Leave Program.**
  - **Service member responsible for travel from gateway to leave destination.**

CENTCOM AOR R&R and Leave Program

- **Phase I:**
  - **"First Flight" arrived Frankfurt/BWI 26 Sep 03**
  - **"First Flight" returned on 12 Oct 03**
  - **As of 31 Oct 03, 9,792 SMs have participated, 4,963 have returned to AOR**
  - **Contingency plans put in effect - using contract hotels, transportation and meals for R&R participants**

- **Phase II:**
  - **1 Nov increase to 479 SMs daily; expansion of CONUS gateways**
    - **Daily one flight (240 SMs) from Kuwait - Germany – BWI**
    - **Daily one flight (239 SMs) from Kuwait - Atlanta – DFW**

CENTCOM AOR R&R Programs
Key Policies and Procedures

- **Eligibility.**
  - **ALL Active or Reserve service members, and DOD/NAF civilians with 12 months assignment orders in CENTCOM AOR (IAW DODD 1327.5)**
  - **between 90 days in theater (IAW DODD 1327.5) and 11 months (IAW CENTCOM)**
- **Funding/Costs.**
  - **Government pays for individual travel from Gateways (duty status); Onward Travel and other logistics are at individuals' expense (leave status) (IAW DODD 1327.5)**
  - **Reduced and "unrestricted" rates for Onward Travel and other leisure activities are available**
- **Procedures and Protocols.**
  - **Gateways conduct "seamless" exchange of manifest information**
  - **Army authorizes Soldier travel in Desert Camouflage Uniform**
  - **No consumption of alcohol while in duty status or duty uniform**